

REMARKS

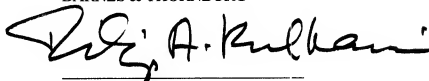
Claims 26 and 42 are canceled herein. Claims 1-25 have been previously canceled. Claims 27, 28, 30-41, 43, and 45 are amended. Thus, after this amendment, claims 27-41 and 43-35 are pending in the subject application.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 43 and 44 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 43 has been so rewritten without narrowing its scope. Claim 44, which is indicated to be allowable, depends from claim 43. Dependent claims 27, 28, 30-41, 43, and 45 have been amended to depend from claim 43, instead of claim 26. Remaining claims 29, and 44 depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 43. Thus, claims 27-41 and 43-35 are in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendment and supporting remarks, the subject application is now deemed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview would expedite the allowance of this application, he is requested to contact the undersigned for a prompt resolution of any outstanding issues.

Applicants believe that no fees are required due to this amendment. It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and shortages and other fees be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435, with reference to file 7175-69092.

Respectfully submitted,
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